

# Oakland Girl Seen As Another Wilma'

By ALAN McALLASTER

Another Wilma Rudolph developing right here in Oakland?

Linda Bradshaw, a Madison Junior High ninth grader, intends to compete in the 1964 Olympic Games.

And Harris Flowers, coach of her team, the Oakettes, has no doubt his pupil will make the Tokyo trip.

"She has fantastic speed now," he says, "and by 1964 she should be doing what Wilma did two years ago."

The Sullivan Award winner, who has since become Mrs.

## Boys OK, Too

In addition to a fine girls team, Madison Junior High also has an outstanding male track squad.

The boys are unbeaten in four years, and recently competed in the junior high city championships for the first time, winning the title by outscoring defending champ Hoover, 94.84.

Top individual efforts were a record breaking 20-7 broad jump by Robert Smith, an eighth-grader, and a six-foot high jump by ninth grader Charles Smith.

Wilma Rudolph Ward, won the women's 100-meters in 11 seconds flat, the 200 in 24-flat and anchored the winning 400-meter relay team to a 44.5 mark during the 1960 Games at Rome.

It's a big record for a 15-year-old to be shooting for, but Linda is well on her way.

She's run the 100-yard dash in 11.2, less than a second off the listed world record for women, and has already broken a national record in the 75-yard dash.

Last Saturday at the Pa-

cific Association AAU Junior Olympic Games Linda won the intermediate girls' 75 in 8.5, chopping two-tenths of a second off the former U.S. mark. She does the 50 in 6.1.

"Linda has just been running for a year," Flowers points out, "and she has brought her times down from 12-flat in the 100 and 9.4 in the 75."

"By 1964 she should be well under 11 seconds for the 100 and around 8.4 for the 50."

At 5-foot-7 and 138 pounds, Linda is strong and long-legged. She gets into condition quickly and is progressing well, Flowers says. She is popular in school and an A student as well.

Miss Bradshaw and the other members of the Oakettes team will get a big test tomorrow when they compete in the Central California AAU women's championships at Bakersfield.

"The girls look forward to running on a real track," says Flowers, who jokingly refers to the rutted, grassy Madison training area as "Gopher-ville."

Besides the obvious one, coach Flowers has another reason for hoping Miss Bradshaw performs well in the 1964 Olympics.

He attended Tennessee State University at the same time as Ed Temple, Wilma Rudolph's coach.

# Track Oakette

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Speedy Linda Bradshaw shattered two meet and Pacific Association AAU records to lead the Oakettes to the combined championship in the Western United States Women's Open track and field competition Saturday at Castlemont High.

The Oakettes finished second to the Los Pecos Diablos team from Concord in the 14-17 age group competition and third in the women's division to wind up with a total of 106 points, one better than the runner-up San Mateo GAA.

Miss Bradshaw's times of 6.4 for the 50-meter dash and 11.9 for the 100 bettered the respective marks by three and five-tenths seconds in the 14-17 class, and equaled the meet and PA standards set by Irene Obera in the women's division.

Carolyn Reed, another Oakette, broke the girls' record

# Drive Begins To Send Local Girl To AAU

THE MAR 7 - 1963

A campaign to send an Oakland youngster, who may well be the fastest teen-age girl sprinter in history, to the Women's National AAU indoor track championship Pan-American trials is being waged locally.

Oakland councilman Fred Maggiora is heading the drive for funds needed to permit 15-year-old Linda Bradshaw to compete in the Columbus, Ohio, meet March 22-23.

Miss Bradshaw, a student at Castlemont High, stepped off a 10.9 100-yard dash during the Women's and Girls' Pacific Association AAU indoor meet at Milpitas recently.

Oakettes coach Harris Flowers thinks the clocking is the best ever by a teenage girl.

"Linda's goal is 10.7 this year," say Flowers, "and I know no teenager has ever run that fast before." Miss Bradshaw has already cut two tenths of a second off her best time last year, the coach points out.

If she is able to compete at Columbus, Linda will also run the 50-yard dash. Her best time in this event is 6.1.

In the century she would face such female spring standouts as Marilyn White, the girl who beat Wilma Rudolph and who barely edged Linda at the Golden Gate Invitational, Willie White, Debbie Thompson and the contingent from Tennessee State.

A goal of \$300 has been set. Donations may be sent to Maggiora at 2000 Telegraph, Oakland.

# Girl Sprint Star Gets Lift on Trip

BY TRE MAR 14 1963

A two-pronged student drive aimed at putting teen-age sprint sensation Linda Bradshaw in the Women's National AAU track and field championships is being started at two Oakland schools.

Fifteen-year-old Miss Bradshaw, who with a clocking of 10.9 seconds in the 100-yard dash may well be the fastest teen-age female sprinter in history, needs \$500 in order for herself and a chaperone to attend the March 22-23 meet at Columbus, Ohio.

So far \$80 has been received by Oakland councilman Fred Maggiora, who is heading the overall fund campaign, but the March 20 deadline is less than a week away.

Linda's Oakette teammates are preparing placards for distribution at Castlemont

High, where she is a student, and at Madison Junior High, where she learned to run under coach Harris Flowers.

Flowers expects his protege, who also runs the 50-yard dash in 6.1, to "really shine in the 100" if the goal is attained.

In the century she would meet such as Marilyn White of Los Angeles, Willie White of Chicago, Debbie Thompson of Fredrick, Md., and undoubtedly some members from Tennessee State, the school that produced Wilma Rudolph.

Irene Obera, a Berkeley school teacher who is also a sprinter of renown in women's track, has agreed to chaperone Linda on the trip.

Contributions may be sent to Maggiora at 2000 Telegraph, Oakland.

# nd Sprint Girl Flirts With World Fame

By GEORGE ROSS

FOR MAR 15 1963

Oakland's best present shot for the 1964 Olympic Games—and a lot of honors in national and international competition between now and Tokyo — rests with a willowy sophomore co-ed at Castlemont High.

Linda Bradshaw, 15, as swift as she is bright, is already flirting with world fame and record times in 50- 60- 75- and 100-yard dashes.

For her age she's running ahead of the pace set by wonderful Wilma Rudolph, the sprinting sweetheart of the 1960 Games, and could this year equal Wilma's best times.

Linda, daughter of a workman at the Alameda Naval Air Station and a superior student, is the girl for whom a fund drive is under way under direction of Councilman Fred Maggiora, hoping to send her to the Women's National AAU track and field championships at Columbus, Ohio, March 22-23.

A first or second place there in either the 50 or the 100 will establish Linda as one of the country's youngest great sprint prospects, and earn her a berth on the U.S. Women's team at the Pan-American Games later this spring in Brazil.

"I'd like to take a first.

That's what I'm going for," Linda said. "But I'm new to this sort of competition, the first time I've ever been asked to run the 100 around a turn, and this will be a great field.

"First though, I'd like to thank all the people who are trying to send me to Columbus. There are some wonderful people who don't even know me," she said. "I want to try hard for them."

Well said, but how good is this schoolgirl who has only been running a year and a half?

"Only two American teenage girls have ever run the 100 in 10.9 seconds, and Linda Bradshaw is one of

them," says Harris Flowers, the Madison Junior High School teacher who coaches Linda and some 50 other dedicated youngsters in an afterschool program.

"Wilma Rudolph's best time—and she had years of training and experience in college and later before she got it—was a 10.7 hundred," Flowers said. "I'm hopeful we'll clock Linda in 10.7 this spring in time for the Outdoor Nationals."

Linda, a girl just starting high school, was one of the sprinters invited to the Golden Gate Invitational indoor meet at the Cow Palace in February.

How'd she do? Marilyn

White of Los Angeles won the 60-yard dash in 6.9 seconds. Linda Bradshaw was clocked in 6.9 seconds.

"It was a dead heat. Linda lost by the width of a shadow to one of our great sprinters," Flowers says. "When you realize that Marilyn White beat Wilma Rudolph in a 6.9 clocking, you realize that we're dealing with a real champion with this girl."

She holds several American records for her 14-17 age grouping, but is so advanced that senior records are just a stride or two away.

"I was nervous and ran a sloppy race at the Golden

Gate," Linda says. "I really didn't realize how close I had come until it was all over. I hope to run against that kind of competition again."

She will if she gets to Columbus, of course. Marilyn will be entered, together with Willie White who competed in the U.S.-Russian meet at Stanford last summer, and Debbie Thompson, an established threat.

Linda's immediate goals—the Columbus meet and the Pan-American Games—are preliminary to a possible berth for a U.S.-Russian meet in Russia, and, of

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course, the Olympics, 1964.

Linda, modest, but realistic about the possibility, says:

"I have confidence in Mr. Flowers and he says I have a chance to go to the Olympics. Whatever I can do now to improve that much, I want to try."

For the present, every afternoon after school, Linda is working on her starts and on running the 100 around a turn, hoping she'll get the chance

to go to Columbus.

Maggiora, meanwhile, isn't doing too well on the campaign for funds. He needs \$500, a scrape-by amount just big enough to send Linda and Irene Obera of Berkeley, who'll serve as chaperone and enter the 220-yard dash. So far the kitty is pretty skinny, under \$100. Maggiora can be reached at 2000 Telegraph Ave.

"This would be fine for Linda, fine for Oakland, and fine for Harris Flowers and his Oakettes girls," Maggiora said.

# Guilty verdict in police attack

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After wrangling over the question for almost three days, an Alameda County jury Wednesday found defendant Melvin Parham guilty of misdemeanor assault for the beating of Oakland police officer Linda Drummer Nov. 19.

The verdict was a compromise — what the law calls a "lesser included offense" — to the far more serious charge Parham faced of assault on a police officer.

Had he been convicted as charged, Parham could have been sentenced to state prison for his crimes. Now the worst he faces is one year in county jail.

Sentencing is set for April 9.

The attack on Drummer came at the height of last fall's controversy over police shootings. The incident got caught up in debate when Drummer said she should have shot Parham to protect herself — but hesitated because of all the criticism directed at police.

Drummer testified that she

confronted Parham during a routine traffic stop. She said he grabbed her baton and began beating her over the head with it, and she managed to subdue him only after a desperate struggle.

Drummer received head injuries and a badly sprained ankle in the fight.

Parham testified that the officer attacked him with the club and he grabbed it and began beating her only in self-defense.

The case was made far more complicated when Drummer's partner, rookie patrolwoman Victoria Avalos, gave testimony that varied from Drummer's in several respects.

—By Lance Williams

# RAIDERS KICK IN \$50 TO UP LINDA'S FUND

*TR 5C MAR 17 1963*  
Linda Bradshaw, Oakland's young sprint sensation, may yet get her wish to compete in the National AAU indoor track championships and Pan-American Trials at Columbus, O., this weekend.

Some \$250 of the necessary \$500 needed to send Linda and her chaperon back East has already been donated by Bay Area track fans, fund chairman Fred Maggiora reported Saturday.

The Oakland Raider football club was one of the latest contributors, putting \$50 into the pot. Servicemen at the Marine Barracks at Treasure Island said they collected \$51, which will be delivered tomorrow.

Still to report in are officials from Castlemont High School, where Linda is a student, and Madison Junior High, which she previously attended. Students at both places are contributing their nickles and dimes.

Maggiora has only until Wednesday morning to raise the necessary amount. Linda and chaperon Irene Obera, also a sprinter, must leave then. Any contributions may be made to Maggiora at 2000 Telegraph Ave., Oakland.

# Linda Gets Trip to AAU Track Meet

THE MAR 18 1963

Linda Bradshaw, Oakland's sensational 15-year-old sprint star, will get her chance to compete in the National AAU indoor championship at Columbus, O., this weekend.

"I shook \$52.50 out of the mail this morning in dollars, fives and tens," City Councilman Fred Maggiora said. "Then the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge called to pledge \$100 and the Naval Supply Center called to say they're just starting a drive and I'll hear from them later."

Maggiora already had \$250 of the needed \$500 on hand, including \$50 received from the Oakland Raiders football club. Drives also are underway at Castlemont High, where Linda is a sophomore student, and Madison Junior High, where she graduated and still trains under direction of Harris Flowers, coach of

the Oakland Oakettes Track Team.

"We're going to make it," Maggiora said. "We know Linda is very young and has only started to show her potential, but she has a good

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# Scored a 11-1 unbeaten extended their National Track Trip

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chance of placing at Columbus and making the Pan American Games. She's very close."

The fund drive, which Magiora is overseeing at his office at 2000 Telegraph Ave., will also sponsor Irene Obera of Berkeley, 220-yard sprint star, who will serve as chaperone for Linda.

# Navy Adds 'Icing' To Linda's Kitty

BY THE MAR 20 1963

With the all-out help of the United States Navy—and a lot of other people including the U.S. Marines—Oakland's Linda Bradshaw leaves for the Women's National Indoor AAU track championship in Columbus, Ohio, tomorrow.

The 15-year-old sprinter, tabbed as a possible 1964 Olympic Games competitor, will compete in the 100 and 60-yard dashes at Columbus, attempting to qualify for the Pan-American Games team which goes to Brazil later this spring.

The "Linda Bradshaw Kitty" went far over the barebones \$500 required yesterday, after an admiral who is Linda's father's boss brought the Navy into the act.

Rear Adm. Hugh C. Haynsworth Jr., commanding officer of the Oakland Naval Supply Center, got on a station-wide intercom microphone Monday afternoon to brief all-hands.

"Within two hours, more than \$150 had been collected, and by the end of the working day yesterday \$756.17 was turned over to Linda," Councilman Fred Maggiora said. Maggiora, an AAU official, has been in charge of the fund campaign.

With what had already been collected and pledged other expenses of the trip which Linda's family were to bear, as well as other expenses of Irene Obera, sprinter-chaperon from Berkeley, will be cared for.

"Additionally, we're now able to help a third girl, discus thrower Diane Congdon of San Rafael, who also is now assured of making the trip to Columbus," Mag-

# Fund Drive

## For Linda

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giora said.

Diane gained fame as the first Bay Area girl to complete the 50-mile hike during the recent craze.

Linda's father, Arthur Bradshaw of Oakland, works in the freight department at the Naval Supply Center.

"We didn't do any more than announce the situation, calling attention to the Oakland Tribune stories," a Navy spokesman said. "This is partly a nice tribute to Art Bradshaw, a well-liked man here, and partly to the fact that people appreciate the dedication Linda has displayed."

Linda, training with Harris Flowers as a member of the Oakland Oakettes Girls Track Team, has improved her sprint times from 12.2 to 10.9 in the 100 yard dash in a year and a half of training, and Flowers says she is capable of 10.7 this year.

Several others of his girls, he says, are going to be heard from in the next year or two.

"Oakland is only just beginning to develop as a training grounds for fine women-track athletes," he said. "Linda is a little ahead of some of them. We think she'll do well at Columbus."

# Fifth-Place Linda Pledges

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## She'll 'Work Twice as Hard'

Special to The Tribune

COLUMBUS, Ohio — "I touched the tape—and came in fifth," disappointed Linda Bradshaw lamented after failing to qualify for the U.S. women's track team designated for the Pan-American Games.

"They tell me to cheer up, because I'm the fifth-fastest in the country, but it isn't good enough. I'm depressed," the

15-year-old Castlemont High School sophomore said. Then she brightened. "I know these are the best sprinters in the country, and I know what I have to do to win—come back home and work twice as hard."

Although Linda had run two 6.0 clockings in early heats of the 50-yard dash Saturday, she ran a 6.2 for fifth place in the finals, won in a blazing 5.9

by Willie White of Chicago.

The Oakland girl didn't place in the 100, in which three veteran sprinters were clocked in a record-breaking 11.1 seconds and the fourth-placer equaled the former record, 11.2, for 100 yards around a turn.

"All the veterans came out of hiding for this meet," Oak-

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# After Loss

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land track coach Harris Flowers said. "Linda did great for a 15-year-old, and the meet served notice on Russia that we're getting ready for 1964 as we never have before."

Edith Maguire of Tennessee State won the 100, nipping Willye White and Marilyn White of Los Angeles in the triple-11.1 clocking. All told, six American women's track records were broken.

"I messed up in the 100," Linda said. "I ran out of my lane on the curve. I was so nervous."

**Irene Obera of Berkeley**, competing in the 220, was also eliminated as Marilyn White lowered the women's record to 24.8, defeating Vivian Brown of Tennessee State who held the old mark of 25.5.

Diane Congdon, the schoolgirl discus thrower from San Anselmo, was fifth with a toss of 134-5.

Other Bay Area finishers include Gretchen Wallin of Concord, fifth place in the shot put; Jackie Mack, San Mateo, fourth in the 70-yard hurdles; Billie Pat Daniels of San Mateo, third, and Marilyn Saling, formerly of Oakland now of Brazil, fifth, in the high jump.

Flowers, who called this "the greatest women's track meet in my memory," said that Linda has already qualified for the outdoor nationals at Dayton later this year, and will run in the Pacific Association AAU meet in Sacramento April 27, in the 100 and the 50.

# Stella Walsh, Linda Race To Wins at Hanford Meet

(Special to The Tribune)

HANFORD — Stella Walsh, ageless Olympic Games sprinter, won the 60-meter race in the time of 8.7 at the Hanford Women's and Girl's Invitational championships Saturday.

Now 52 years of age, Stella defeated women many years her junior in the event. The Olympics star is holder of 61 world's and national track records. She won the 100-meter dash running for her native Poland in the 1932 Olympics. In 1936 for the U.S. she won the 200 meter dash in the Olympics.

**She has continued her running**  
and has also played with many girls' softball and basketball teams.

..Oakland's Linda Bradshaw, competing with the Oakettes, was the lone winner for the local team. Linda won the 100-yard dash in 11.2 in the open division.

The Oakettes were fourth in team standings. Team honors went to Laura Scudder of Southern California, followed by San Mateo and Laurel of San Francisco.

The Oakettes relay team placed second to Laurel which won the 440-yard event in .50. On the team were Linda, Rose Moore, Gail Johnson and Jenny Lowe.

The Oakettes girls' 14-17 team placed second in the 300 - yard relay, won by San Mateo in 36.3.

Running for the Oakettes were Loretta Williams, Velma Bailey, Joyce Gore and Joan Slaton.

Myrtle Low of the Oakettes placed third in the 220. The event was won by Carol Smith of the Chipettes in 25.4.

The Oakette's Rose Moore was fourth in the 80 - meter hurdles, won by Jackie Mac, San Mateo, in 12.1.

Cynthia Brown took third for the Oakettes in the high jump and standing broad jump.

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Linda Bradshaw of the Oakland Oakettes cracked one Pacific Association AAU record and tied another and Sally Sutton of Los Pocos Diablos Club of Concord cracked two others in the 14-17 age group to highlight Sunday's PA meet in Sacramento.

Altogether, 10 records were shattered during the big meet, seven of them by Eastbay representatives.

Sally put the shot 42 feet to better the old mark of 36-7, which she set last year, and heaved the javelin 129-10½ to surpass her old standard of 125-9½.

Linda zipped to a sizzling 26.4 in the 220-yard run, easily beating the old mark of 27.5 set last year by Oakette Geraldine Steele. In the 100-yard dash the 15-year-old Oakland star went 11.2 to tie the record.

Sheryl Poole of the Oakettes set a record in the six-pound shot in the 13-14 age group with a throw of 33-2, while teammate Dixie Haywood cracked the mark in the 12-13 50-yard dash during the running of a heat with a time of 6.2.

The Oakettes' 300-yard relay team won the 12-13, 300-yard relay in 36.3, to break the old record of 37.3. The team is composed of Doreta Williams, Linda Deadman, Pearly Hamilton and Dixie Haywood.

Los Pocos Diablos Darv Pen-

the 10-11 and 12-13 scoring the Oakettes grabbed second behind San Mateo with 31 points.

#### FINAL RESULTS

##### Girls, 14-17 Years

High Jump—Paschal, D. Laurel, 5'3½"; Hanna, C. Laurel, 5'1½"; Reed, C. Oakettes, 4' 1½"; Suedsen, J. San Mateo GAA, 4' 10¼".

Broad Jump—Wilson, P. San Mateo GAA, 17' 4¼"; Hanna, C. Laurel, 16' 10"; Suedsen, J. San Mateo GAA, 15' 7¼"; Simmons, C. San Mateo GAA, 15' 5½".

Shot Put—Sutton, S. Los Pocos, 42'; Laws, C. Oakettes, 36' 11½"; Wallin, G. Unattached, 36' 8"; Nay, J. San Mateo GAA, 35' 5½".

##### (New PA Record)

Discus—Norberg, N. Unattached, 144' 7"; Congdon, D. Laurel, 133' 1½"; Pennington, D. Los Pocos, 108' 7"; Borner

# Bradshaw

## Challenges

TR 5C MAY 19 1963

## U.S. Marks

By RON GIBLIN

If saying is doing, Oakland's Linda Bradshaw will become the fastest teenager in the nation today at the Girls Age Group Pacific Association track championships at Sacramento.

Oakette coach Harris Flowers predicts his 16 year old meteor will crack both national marks of 5.8 in the 50 yard dash, held by Isabell Daniels, and the century mark of 10.9 which belongs to Lacy O'Neal of Chicago.

"I expect Linda will break both national marks," enthused Flowers. "She is in great shape and we expect her to go great."

The first heats in the meet, which will be held at Encino High, will begin at 12:15.

Last year the Oakettes took the 14-17 team title at Berkeley and he says this year they are shooting for the girls crown as well.

"We should be right in there for both titles," said Flowers. "We want to win the girls title as well this year," Flowers concluded.

Defense of five records the Oakettes hold should give them incentive.

Miss Bradshaw holds the 50 and 100 events while Geraldine Steele leads the 220 field. Carolyn Reed and Marylyn Williams share the high jump and the Oakettes also hold the 440 relay mark.

Roxie Anderson, an official of the women's AAU, looks for the records to tumble at a fast clip.

"They should break the day-lights out of the record book, especially if this weather holds," says Roxie.

# Linda's Record Tops Jr. Olym

TR 5C JUN 9 - 1963

By ALAN McALLASTER

Lithesome Linda Bradshaw, the Oakland Oakette with Olympic aspirations, bettered one national Junior Olympic Games record, helped crack another, and perhaps established a third during the 13th annual Pacific Association AAU track and field meet at Castlemont High Saturday.

With little more incentive than the fact the record was there to be broken, lanky Linda sped to a 10.7 clocking in the senior girls' 100-yard dash, cracking the former U.S. standard by four-tenths of a second and beating the runnerup by a full six yards.

The record performance came only minutes after she had won the 220, a new event this year, in 25.5, a mark which may stand

up as a record when compared with other Junior Olympics held throughout the nation this year.

Later on in the afternoon Miss Bradshaw, running anchor on the Oakettes' 440-yard relay team, had to come from behind but won going away to better the second national mark. The winning time of 51 flat was 1.2 seconds faster than the old mark.

Two other national standards were bettered in the intermediate girls' division when Janis Nay of San Mateo put the eight-pound shot 36-9 $\frac{3}{4}$  and Cecila Hanna of San Francisco got off a running broad jump of 18-7 $\frac{3}{4}$ , both efforts bettering the old records by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

Gretchen Wallin of Concord, former holder of the 36-1 shot

# Linda Lips to 50 Crown in

Special to The Tribune JUL 6 - 1963

DAYTON, Ohio — With one national title already salted away, Oakland's 16-year-old Linda Bradshaw seeks even bigger game today and tonight in the National Women's AAU track and field championships here.

The fleet Oakette, winner of the girls' 14 to 17-year-old 50-yard dash Friday, is one of several high-rated younger competitors from the Bay Area scheduled to compete in the women's events from which the United States team that will meet Russia later in the month in Moscow will be picked.

Miss Bradshaw, who will run in the women's 100-yard dash and relay and possibly the 220, was a hairline 5.9 victor in the blanket finish of the 50 Friday.

Leading Bay Area performances for the six area cinder clubs entered was the Los Pocos Diablos Club, Concord, which wound up a surprise second in unofficial team scoring after the first 10 events.

Pacing the Los Pocos squad was Kathleen Mirko's first place in the baseball throw with a mark of 242.5. Second and fifth places also went to Los Pocos girls, Daryl Pennington and Sally Sutton, respectively.

# Officials Goof--Lynda Second

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Her coach was right. Lynda they've come around.  
was second. The officials goofed.

Oakland's Lynda Bradshaw, 16, is now listed as having finished in a tie for second in the women's 60-yard dash in the Jan. 18 Los Angeles Invitational.

Her coach, Harris Flowers, has known that for more than a week. Race officials had overlooked her completely in the field of five competitors. But

Flowers received a letter today from meet referee Lawrence Houston: "After careful review of the video tape, I am pleased to advise you that I have revised the placings . . ."

Flowers said "simple human error" was responsible for Lynda being overlooked. She ran in lane 6 with lane 5 vacant. The other four competitors, bunched

closely, apparently drew all the attention and all of the dozen or so stopwatches.

# Oakettes Snap U.S. Marks at Hanford

TR 5C APR 26 1964

The Oakettes set three U. S. girls' track records in an invitational meet held at Hanford yesterday.

Linda Bradshaw received the trophy as outstanding athlete at the meet for lowering the record in the 75-yard dash three times in the preliminaries (8.1 secs), in the semifinals (8 flat), and in the finals (8.1). Linda, running in the 14-17 year old bracket, replaced the old record of 8.3 seconds.

Sharon Goodrun, competing in the 10-11 year old bracket, set a new mark in the high jump of four feet, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches, a sizeable jump over the old record of 4 ft., 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

Karen Slaton took over the record in the 50-yard dash with a time of 6.4 seconds in the 10-11

year old division. She had been tied for the record previously with a 6.5.

The Oakettes placed second to San Mateo in the girls' division; third in overall points; and fourth in the women's division.

Some 600 girls, representing teams from California, New Mexico, Arizona, Washington, and Oregon, took part in the meet. The Oakettes took 26 girls to the meet.

# Oakette Star Sets National Record in 100

IR 56 JUN 21 1964  
Lynda Bradshaw of Oakland set an American girls' 100-yard dash record at 10.8 to highlight yesterday's state women's track championships at Walnut and earn the speedy Oakette a berth in next month's Olympic trials.

Lynda, who also won the 75 in 8.4, got a quick jump on the rest of the field and barely held off Compton's Charlotte Cook at the finish. Miss Cook was also clocked in 10.8. The old record of 10.9 was held by Leahseneth O'Neal and Wyomia Tyus.

The meet went as expected with the Southern Pacific Association AAU monopolizing the women's divisions, and the Northern California girls getting the edge in the 14-17 age group, seven events to six.

Only team trophies were awarded. The Los Angeles Mercurettes won the women's with 143 points. Laurel Track Club of San Francisco was second

25-24 margin over UCLA, which  
day gave Southern California  
The two victories on the last  
Charles Paschall of UCLA  
6-4 win over Art Ashe and  
doubles crown with an 6-2, 6-3,  
Ralston and Bond took the  
in the singles final.  
seen of Northwest 64, 64, 64,  
Ralston downed Mt. 64, 64, 64  
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with 53 and Santa Clara third  
with 26.

Compton easily won the girls  
with 93, followed by the Oak-  
ettes, 47; San Mateo, 44, and  
Laurel, 36. San Mateo won the  
combined 12-13 and 10-11 age  
groups with 46 points. The  
Oakettes were runner-up with  
30.

Oakettes' Coach Harris Flow-  
ers was overjoyed with Lynda's  
record, the only American mark  
set on the Mt. San Antonio Col-  
lege track.

"Lynda is really hitting her  
form now. By the nationals  
(next month at Hanford), I ex-  
pect her to be down to 10.6,"  
Flowers said.

Lynda's 100 time was one-  
tenth second faster than Marilyn  
White's winning time in the  
women's division.

A fine performance also by  
Laurel's Denise Paschal helped  
give NorCal the girls' "section"  
title. Bothered by a recurring  
hip injury, Denise, nevertheless,  
won the hurdles and the high  
jump. Marle Molder of Will's  
Spikettes in Sacramento took  
over for teammate Dino Lowery  
in the 880 and won in 2:20.0.

Miss Lowery, only 15, moved  
up to the women's half-mile,  
where she ran faster than ever,

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2:15.7, in finishing second to  
veteran Carol Mastronarde.

Jenny Lowe of the Oakettes  
finished second in the women's  
440 at 57.2 behind Marilyn White.  
Cherrie Sherrard's 11.4 in the  
80-meter hurdles was the only  
NorCal women's victory.

The Oakettes' 12-13 relay team  
of Linda Deavmon, Sheila Phillips,  
Jackie Delaney and JoAnn Slaton  
won in 51.5 for a national  
record, with Sheila also taking  
the 50.

Karen Slaton of the Oakettes  
was triple winner in the 10-11  
class, winning both sprints and  
the long jump.

## Meet results:

### WOMEN

80 Hurdles — Cherrie Sherrard (Laur-  
el) 11.4; Sally Griffith (Santa Clara),  
Lucille Brown (Laurel), 880 — Carol  
Mastronarde (Merc), 2:13.7; Dino Low-  
ery (Will's), Lynn Anderson (SMCGAA),  
100 — Marilyn White (Merc) 10.9; Diana  
Wilson (Merc), Delores Hall (Merc),  
220 — Wilson 24.5 (equals SPAAU record);  
Hall, Martha Watson (Long Beach),  
440—White 57.2; Jenny Lowe (00), Mas-  
tronarde, 440 Relay — Mercurettes, 47.5,  
Pasadena, San Diego. Medley relay —  
Mercurettes, 1:54.0; SMCGAA, Pasadena.  
Shot — Mary Jo Pepple (Merc), 41-1/2,  
Maurene Blanck (Laurel); Judy Burel-  
son (Unat.), Long jump — Watson 18-7/8;  
Chi Cheng (Merc), Otha Blair (Merc).  
Discus — Oiga Connally (Merc), 156-2;  
Blanck, Willie McLorin (Laurel). Javelin —  
Rene Blair (San Diego) 166-9/4, Cathy  
Mirko (Los Pocos Diablos), Coley Freitas  
(Santa Clara).

### GIRLS

50 Hurdles — Denise Paschal (Laurel)  
6.9 (SPAAU record); Susan Mack  
(SMCGAA), Dona Fricke (unat.), 50 —  
Beverly Meadows (Compton) 6.1; Lenora  
Turnbow (00), Gloria Agee (Compton),  
57-Lynda Bradshaw (00), 8.4; Turnbow,  
Cassandra Brooks (Laurel), 1.; Brad-  
shaw, 10.8 (American record); Charlotte  
Cook (Compton), Linda Leonard (Flash-  
ettes), 220 — Shirley Wilson (Compton),  
Linda Leonard (Flashettes), 220 — Shir-  
ley Wilson (Compton), 24.6 (SPAAU rec-  
ord); Paulene Marzette (Kern), Elaine  
West (Flashettes), 440 — Cook (Com-  
pton) 57.9; Wilson, Pam Arndt (unat.),  
440 relay — Compton "A," 47.9; Oak-  
ettes, Compton "B," 880 — Marle Molder  
(Will's) 2:20.0; Gloria Harper (Com-  
pton), Sherry Simmons (SMCGAA), Shot —  
Lynn Graham (Unat.) 46-10 1/2; Gretchen  
Wallin (Unat.), Janet Phillips (SMCGAA).  
Long jump — Pat Wilson (SMCGAA),  
18-3 1/2; Agee, Paschal. High jump —  
Paschal, 5-1 1/2; Alberta Martin (unat);  
Mary Peters (Covina). Discus — Narcy  
Norberg (Palo Alto), 144-0; Graham,  
Eleanor Slack (SMCGAA). Javelin —  
Linda Haverallion (Unat.) 140-7 1/2; Jan  
Kendricks (Covina), Babs Brandin (Unat).

### 12-13

50 — Sheila Phillips, (00), 6.5; Joselyn  
Grims, (Kern); Peggy Reed (Covina),  
75 — Judy Kemp (unat.), 9.1; Donna  
White (Merc); 9.1 Mary Ross (West-  
minster). 100 — Donna White (Merc),  
11.8; Brenda Taylor (Kern), Donna Smith  
(Compton), 440 relay — Oakettes,  
51.4 (national record); Kern, SMCGAA.  
Shot put — Nancy Palmer (SMCGAA),  
37-4 1/4; Carolyn Keith (Stratford), Lynn  
Antrim (San Diego). Long jump — Elaine  
Coney (Compton), 16-6; Open Young (Han-  
ford), Cathy Neil (San Joaquin). High  
jump — Regina Wilson (SMCGAA)  
4-10 1/4; Nancy May (San Diego), Kim  
Valerie (San Diego).

### 10-11

50 — Karen Slaton (00), 6.4, Theresa  
Hudson (SMCGAA), Nadine Jones (Kern).  
75 — Slaton, 9.2; Hudson, Pheon Rivers  
(SMCGAA). Relay — Kern AA, 27.0;  
SMCGAA, Kern "B," Long jump — Slaton,  
15-7 1/4; Carolyn Evans, (Fresno),  
Rivers. High jump — Jo Dexagelmer, (Co-  
vina), 3-11 1/2; Verna Sheppard (SMCGAA).  
Kathy Monahan (Covina). Shuttle relay —  
Simi Valley Striders, 29.0; Covina, no  
third.

# Oakland Girl On Russ Trip

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Special To The Tribune

Jenny Lowe, 21-year-old Oakland City College student and part-time playground director, ran her fastest-ever 440 at the Women's AAU Track and Field Championships at Dayton Saturday to qualify for a berth on the USA women's team to compete in Russia.

She was the only East Bay girl to make the team.

Jenny, who only recently switched from the 100 and 220 to the longer distance, placed second to four-year winner Suzanne Knott, Ohio State co-ed, who tied the existing women's record at 57 seconds. Jenny was clocked in 57.2.

Linda Bradshaw, 16-year-old Castlemont High School girl who won the 50-yard dash with a blazing 5.9 in Friday night's meet for girls 14-17, developed a sore knee and didn't place in the women's 100.

Sally Griffith, 17-year-old Santa Clara miss, captured the 220-yard low hurdles in 29.5 after winning the 440 in the girls meet. This, a new event in the women's meet this year, does not qualify her for a berth on the touring team headed for Europe.

Pat Daniels, San Mateo high jumper, did qualify for the tour with a 5-6 second-place high jump.

# 2 Oakland Youths Top U.S. Track

IRF NOV 27 1963

Two Castlemont High School students, Linda Bradshaw and Jamie McNeal, have been named national junior Olympic track champions in competition with more than 300,000 youths.

The Amateur Athletic Union said today that 30 junior track and field records were set by young competitors in their 14th annual nationwide program in conjunction with civic organizations and service clubs.

Miss Bradshaw established new national marks in the girls' senior division while leading field in the 100-yard dash, 10.7 seconds, and the 220-yard dash, 25.5 seconds.

She is considered a prime candidate for the U.S. women's sprint team in the 1964 Olympic Games.

McNeal topped the nation in the boys' 70-yard high hurdles, 9.9 seconds, and the broad jump, 23 feet, 11 inches.

Both he and Miss Bradshaw were members of an outstanding track squad at Madison Junior High School developed by physical education teacher Harris Flowers. Miss Bradshaw has also competed extensively for Flowers' Oakland Oakettes, girls' track team.

# AAU Honors

## Miss McGuire,

TRD DEC 7 - 1963

## Broad Jumper

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—Sprinter and broad jumper Edith McGuire of the Tennessee State Club who won two spots on the Amateur Athleite Union's All-America women's team, was announced Friday.

Eleanor Montgomery of the Cleveland Recreation Department, a high jumper, placed in both the AAU's women's and girls' All-America teams.

The women's All-America team:

100-yard dash — Edith McGuire, Tennessee State Club; 220-Diana Eilson, Los Angeles Mercuettes; 440-Suzanne Knott, Ohio Track Club; 880-Sandra Knott, Cleveland Recreation Club; 800 meters-Leah Ferris, University of Hawaii.

80-meter hurdles — Jo Ann Terr, Tennessee State Club; javelin — Frances Davenport,

U.S. army; discus — Cynthia Wyatt, University of Hawaii; high jump—Eleanor Montgomery, Cleveland Recreation Department; broad jump—Edith McGuire, Tennessee State Club;

pentathlon — Barbara Brown, New York Police Athletic League.

Girls' All - America (ages 14-17):

50-yard dash — Linda Bradshaw, Oakland Oakettes; 75-Dee Barnett, Santa Ynez High School; 100-Wyomia Tyus, Tennessee State Club; 220-Shirley Wilson, Compton, Calif. Track Club; 440-Sally Griffith, Santa Clara, Calif. Youth Village.

Javelin—Lurline Hamilton, St. Louis Track Club; 50-yard hurdles—Tamara Davis, Frederick, Md. Track and Field Club; discus — Nancy Norberg, Pacific AA, Palo Alto; shotput—Sally Sutton, Los Pocos Diablos, Concord, Calif.; broad jump—Martha Watson, Long Beach Comets; high jump — Eleanor

Montgomery, Cleveland Recreation Department; baseball throw — Kathleen Mirko, Los Poco Diablos.

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## Broad Jumper

# Judges Miss Lynda, Coach THE JAN 20 1964

## Files Protest

Oakland Oakettes coach Harris Flowers, claiming his star runner Lynda Bradshaw was

"completely overlooked by judges in the finish of the Los Angeles Invitational Track Meet Saturday, will file an official protest with the Southern Pacific Association of the AAU.

According to the officials' ruling, Lynda failed to finish in the first four in the race won by L.A.'s Diane Wilson. But Harris says she couldn't have finished below third in the women's 60-yard dash.

"I talked to many people after the race who thought she finished first or no worse than second," Flowers said today. "The first three girls were right together at the finish and Lynda was one of them, but the officials completely overlooked her.

"The race was also shown on television and the announcer called first place a tossup between Lynda and Rosie Barnes (who was awarded second).

"I delivered a protest to the meet director after the race and will send one to the SPA," Flowers said.

Flowers said he has hopes the decision will be reversed, after officials view films, but said it's normally done right after the race is run.

"But," added Harris, "whether they give it to Lynda or not, she'll beat Wilson the next time they meet."

# Bradshaw

## Sets 3rd

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## Record

Lynda Bradshaw, set her third Junior Olympics national record and Denise Paschal blazed to her first to highlight yesterday's opening of the 14th annual Pacific Association AAU Junior Olympics Games at Castlemont High School.

Miss Bradshaw, entering the broad jump for the very first time in actual competition, soared 18-10½ to break the old record of 18-6¾ set by Peggy Rankin of San Diego in 1963. Lynda also holds Junior Olympics national senior division records in the 100 and 220, which she won yesterday in sub-record performances.

Miss Paschal, 15, of the Laurel Track Club in San Francisco, continued to show her potential in the 50-yard hurdles, with a 6.8 clocking that shaved one-tenth second off Janell Smith's old intermediate record set last year in Kansas.

The Laurel prodigy owns an upset win over former AAU women's champion Cherrie Sherrard and Sally Griffith.

The girls completed their five

# Lynda'

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Special to The Tribune

HANFORD — Fleet-footed Lynda Bradshaw of the Oakettes ran a 5.8-second 50-yard dash yesterday in her qualifying heat at the National AAU Women's Championships equalling the meet and American records.

The 5.8 originally was set by Isabelle Daniels of Tennessee State in 1955 and tied by Wyomia Tyus, also of Tennessee State, two years ago.

Bradshaw also qualified in the 75-yard dash with a wind-aided 8.2. But Debbie Thompson of Frederick, Md., turned in an 8.1 in her qualifying heat to break the old record of 8.3 and surpass Lynda's pending mark of 8.2.

Of the eight Oakettes Coach Harry Flowers brought to Han-

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TIME AUG 19 1964

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# Bradshaw

## Will Have

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## Best Year

After fast-stepping Lynda Bradshaw legged it to two national girls' sprint titles last August, there was talk she had received enough honors and was calling it a career.

That's all there was to it. Talk.

Lynda will be back on the outdoor trail this season to compete, for the first time, in women's track circles. For Lynda, according to her coach, Harris Flowers of the Oakland Oakettes, this should be the biggest season yet.

"Lynda's aiming for the nationals," said Flowers. "I feel she'll get down to 10.4, or maybe 10.3, for 100 yards—with some hard work."

Flowers is trying to say that his prodigy has only begun to think about conditioning. She will take part in Saturday's outdoor meet at College Park High School in Concord with less than a week's preparation behind her.

The 17-year-old Castlemont senior will run the 100, two relays and possibly enter the broad jump. "The accent here is for her to run," Flowers said.

In 1964, Lynda had the nation's best girls time in the 200 meters, 50-yard dash, tied for first in the 100 and was second in the 75. She beat her predecessor in the 75, Debby Thompson, in the nationals at Hanford, where she also won the 50.

Lynda had an 18-10 leap in the broad jump, second best in the nation, but since it was achieved in a Junior Olympic meet it wasn't submitted.

Lynda won't turn 18 until next month, so she has time to assault some more girls' records. But her being out of top condition makes this seem unlikely.

Several other Eastbay athletes will be in the Concord meet. Sally Sutton of Pleasant Hill, former national field event champion, has been working on the javelin since September, her father, Frank Sutton, said.

Gretchen Wallin of Concord, Canadian girls' shot put queen, and Cathy Bonner, last year's Pacific AAU novice javelin champion, also have entered.

A new association, the Diablo Valley Women's A.A., the meet sponsor, is starting with "neophytes," including a promising 13-year-old, Jerre Lee Shaw.

By DAVE NEWHOUSE

# Oakette Star Goes To Tennessee State

Lynda Bradshaw, the Oakette high-flyer, has received and accepted a scholarship offer from Tennessee State University, a spawning ground for top women track and field athletes.

Lynda, 18, has applied for a one-year scholarship offered last month by Tennessee coach Ed Temple, the 1964 Olympic women's coach.

"I was shocked and happy at the same time when Mr. Temple phoned me," said Lynda. "Things just can't be better."

Lynda will run with such stars as Olympic champion Wyomia Tyus and Debbie Thompson, who with Lynda were the top girl sprinters in the nation last year.

Lynda will major in sociology, with an eventual aim to becoming a social worker in the East-bay.

Lynda chose Tennessee State for the women's competition afforded her. "The West Coast is ideal for girls' competition, but there is practically nothing for women."

The Castlemont High senior class president has been overloaded with classroom and student activities, so has not competed regularly for the Oakettes. In 1964, as an Oakette, Lynda won two national sprint championships and was a member of an American record-breaking relay team.

"I'm not sure whether I'll be able to run in the nationals in July, what with working commitments," said Lynda. "But Mr. Temple says this is all right as long as I'm ready to run in September."

Lynda, who will have to earn her scholarship year-by-year, has tentative plans to compete all the way through college and try for a berth in the 1968 Olympic team.

With only four days of practice last month, Lynda breezed through the 50-yard dash in 5.9 and the 75 in 8.4. In each instance she was less than two-tenths of a second off her best time last season.

By DAVE NEWHOUSE

# ions Sprinting To College

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By DAVE NEWHOUSE

If Jerry Bright was like most kids on the block, he'd rather take his chances robbing a bank than be caught running with a girl.

But, Jerry isn't like most kids, in this respect, and Lynda Bradshaw is grateful he isn't.

These two Castlemont High School seniors, friends since their sophomore years, have formed a unique relationship towards keeping both in condition for college track. Each is accepting a scholarship, Lynda from Tennessee State and Jerry most likely from Arizona State.

Both individuals have records off the field which makes their on-the-field friendship seem more digestive. Jerry's grades stay in the B area when he isn't bogged down with track and Lynda is senior class president.

But, it's on the field where their names are more easily recognized. Lynda is a three-time national girls sprint champion and Jerry rates high among the state's best prep sprinters.

How does a boy convince a girl among other things, that she's running incorrectly? Does the female tell the male she knows more than he does? Jerry and Lynda appear to have the situation well in hand.

"I'm just a companion, not a coach," declares Jerry. "I don't really think I'm qualified to tell her how to run."

Jerry's credentials might

speak otherwise: a 9.6 100, 21.6 220, 49.5 440 (48.5 on relay). He's mainly concerned about the future.

"Someday I'm going to be a coach and it just might be for a girls team," he points out.

As far as Lynda's concerned, she has the whole summer to run anyway.

Will the companionship work both ways, Lynda offering Jerry advice? "No, I don't think so, although recently I had to tell him to hurry up on three 220s he was running," she offered.

"If Lynda was like most girls in track, she'd slow me down," Jerry said. "Since she isn't there shouldn't be any handicap training with a girl."

The schedule works this way: Jerry will help her with starts and striding. He might give a second thought to starting with Lynda, who's dynamite off the

blocks.

He realizes this. "I'm the slowest starter in Northern California. That's why I'll probably wind up running the 440 in college."

Lynda's main job will be to pace Jerry.

The whole thing started a few weeks ago when Nick Garedakis, Castlemont track coach, saw Lynda practicing a speech for graduation. He remarked succinctly, "Lynda, you're fat!"

She wasn't, but his intention was to get her working out again since her responsibilities as class officer were lessening. He was convincing, but without time to coach Lynda himself, he put her under Jerry's wing.

Their track patterns of coming up through the ranks are almost similar.

At Madison Junior High, track coach Harris Flowers

discovered when eighth-grader Lynda worked out with the boys, she beat them. "Some were so embarrassed, they quit the team," she said.

"If she had beaten me, I'd have quit too," said Jerry, who also found he had track legs in the eighth grade. However, his climb wasn't as rapid, until last year, when he took second in the 220 at the OAL finals.

He became the best in Northern California, despite having to recover from a broken ankle last summer that few people know about. It still pains him at times.

Flowers gave Jerry some weight exercises for the ankle, so Garedakis wouldn't know.

Lynda, like Jerry, will probably expand her talents to other races, like the hurdles, and maybe the broad jump.

At Tennessee State she'll be coached by Ed Temple, who was a classmate of Flowers when both worked toward their masters degrees.

She'll be working with some of the nation's top women track athletes, on the campus where the great Wilma Rudolph developed the blazing speeds that earned her two gold medals in the 1960 Olympics.

Flowers thinks Lynda has Olympic capability too, and if she makes it to the games in Mexico City in 1968, she'll have Jerry Bright, among others to thank.

It's possible he'll be there to accept in person.



# GEORGE ROSS

## The Game In Spain

OCT 14 1970

For a while during their courtship it was up for grabs whether he or she would eventually write the book "Marry an American Athlete and See the World."

~~Lynda Bradshaw~~ was, at the time, a potential United States Olympic sprint star, a strong young girl from East Oakland who had equalled American record times and earned All-America rating in AAU track competition.

Charles Thomas was a spring-legged basketball star at Cal State Los Angeles, leading rebounder for three varsity seasons and among the top scorers in that fast college conference.

They met at Pepperdine College, where Lynda was a student — a girl on a track scholarship, no less — and was dared to invite him to a post-game dance honoring the visiting L.A. Staters who had just beaten the home team.

Now they're part of a little-known jet set, returning in a few days for a third season in Spain. The trip is on Charlie and his excellence at his sport, basketball.

"When I'd caught him, I stopped running," Lynda says of the end of her own sports career.

### **Number Two Sport**

Basketball hasn't replaced soccer-football as the number one team sport of Spain but it's a solid number two with no other in competition for public acclaim and pesetas.

The Spanish league permits one American athlete per club and, although "amateur," it's a rewarding life.

The lithe, 6-7 "Carlos Tomas" who plays center and forward for Barcelona San Jose Irpen is one of Spain's superstars, the "Maximo Encestador" — call it the MVP — for his high-scoring and rebounding leadership. He's the first to win it two years in a row.

Doug Moe, who starred for the Oaks and is still playing pro ball, was a star in Italy. Ira Harge, ex-Oaks center, played at one time in Barcelona. Few have won the affection of the Spaniards as has Charles Thomas.

"The Spanish sportswriters call Charles 'La Pantera Negra,' the Black Panther, but it's for his big-cat grace on the floor, certainly not for his politics," Lynda laughs.

Charles adds a slight peek at the Spanish establishment.

"The expression they use is 'Los que mandan, mandan,' which means 'Those who rule, rule,'" he said of Franco Spain.

### **Cup of Coffee**

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## Cup of Coffee

Thomas was drafted by the Atlanta Hawks in 1968 and had a cup of coffee with Alex Hannum's Oakland Oaks before accepting a bid to play in Spain. They don't regret the turn of events.

"I doubt if I ever would have become as well known here as I am in Spain, after two seasons," he said.

Being brown and 6-7, with a quick smile, an athlete's supple grace and a pretty, well-dressed wife is to gain instant recognition in Barcelona. Being a sports great in Spain is a tremendous plus.

"We're amazed at the warmth and affection of the Spanish people. The kids love me," Charles says.

The brand of basketball is good, the young American star says, and he's hardly the "big man" at 6-7.

"It's almost as good as our professional level in the top, and as good as the outstanding college teams otherwise," he said. "Until a few years ago a lot of the teams played outdoors, but most of them, except in some parts of France and Belgium, now have fairly good gyms and arenas.

"Real Madrid has about 9,000 seats. I think that's the largest. We play to capacity almost everywhere, but we only play one game a week — mostly at noon on Sundays, preceding the evening football game," he said. Real Madrid is the powerhouse team, too, equivalent to our pros. They took second only to Russia on a World Tour last season.

## Test the American

"The Spanish players are excellent, very quick," he said. "The first year, for an American, is pretty difficult in one way. The American has a sports reputation to live up to and they feel they have to test you. If you pass, they really respect you."

"The test involves orienting yourself to the officiating, for one thing. They don't go for our rugged play under the basket, but they do allow more 'hand-checking,' even grabbing quickly and releasing, but enough to disturb your play. You learn to accept it and then they respect you for it," he continued.

"I thought I'd be among the few big guys at 6-7, but there are some bigger. The San Sebastian team has a big Basque center who's a 320-pound 7-footer. You bang into him and he just grunts and bounces you off. There are several other big guys too," he said.

Charles shot for a 28-point average and had a 22-rebound average as a rookie, was 26 and 20 last season, and earned his second "Maximo" award in the final game of the season with a red hot 38-point night.

How much longer?

"Well, we don't know. We both speak fluent Spanish, there are some advantages to accepting Spanish citizenship, and we're both studying at the American Institute there," he said. "It's a good life. We'll take the next fork in the road when we come to it."

# Lynda Will TR 5C JUN 13 1965 Accept Bid By Waves

Lynda Bradshaw, national girls sprint champion who graduated Friday night from Castlemont High, has now received a second college scholarship offer to continue her track prowess, aiming for 1968 Olympic Games competition.

Pepperdine College in Los Angeles, linked with the Los Angeles Mercurettes Track Club in the scholarship offer, is the second school with a track program interested in the 18-year-old sprinter.

Linda has indicated that she will accept the Pepperdine offer. Previously she was weighing an offer from Tennessee State.

Fred Jones, coach of the Mercurettes, notified Lynda this week that she is one of five girls to whom a scholarship offer is being made for studies at Pepperdine.

A straight-B student who has heretofore concentrated on the sprints, Lynda recently developed potential as a hurdler and long-jumper.

The Pepperdine program, as outlined to Lynda, includes a collegiate scholarship joined with competitive membership with the Mercurettes, running in women's AAU competition.

Jones said that others who have been offered the unusual school-club scholarships include Janell Smith of Kansas, American 440 record holder; Marilyn White and Diana Wilson of Los Angeles, sprinters, and Lynn Graham of Los Angeles, shot putter.

# Sprint Star Has Fun

BY DAVE NEWHOUSE JUL 15 1965

## At Tribune

By DAVE NEWHOUSE

"Classified ads. May I help you?"

The pretty voice offering assistance over the phone could be Oakland's Lynda Bradshaw, national girl sprint champion and Tribune classified receptionist.

Lynda's working at a Tribune summer job before leaving on a track and field scholarship this fall to Pepperdine College. She will be a "pioneer" in her field where the West Coast is concerned.

Pepperdine is the first school in the West to offer full-time scholarships to women track athletes. Tuskegee and Tennessee State have preceded it in time, but their scholarships have been inferior compared to the Los Angeles school.

As a national record holder in girls' track and one of the nation's best bets for the '68 Olympics in Mexico City, Lynda will merit a \$2,000 four-year education. She is a specialist in sprints with marks promising more national honors ahead.

Coach Fred Jones said Lynda has the most potential of any sprinter he's ever received.

Although she has gained notable stature in athletics, she's just one of a helpful crowd in classified ads.

"Right now, I'm on a 90-day probationary period," Lynda said. "I never use my name on the phone, just the name of the lady whose desk I'm sitting at. But that's all right, I really like the work."

Her two years of Spanish at Castlemont High, where she was senior class president, made her a welcome addition.

"One day a Mexican lady came in," she said. "She couldn't speak much English. The other girls couldn't understand a word she said, so they asked me to help."

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"Our rates are 10 words a day for \$1.40, and he had it right on the nose," declared Lynda. "He took the ad for seven days."

Then there was the little boy, about four, who was sitting on the counter while his mother placed an ad.

Hearing all the telephones ringing and watching people run around, he asked, "Mommy, is this Disneyland?"

"I help people word their ads, inform them of our special rates, take phone messages and do everything I'm asked," Lynda said proudly.

She leaves Sept. 1 for Pepperdine, where she'll pursue a teaching degree in social science.

Lynda says she'll remember her work for reasons other than the friends she met.

"It's my first job ever."



# GEORGE ROSS

## World Of Champions

THE MAY 21 1965

If these final days of May and the early ones of June are strange and poignant and climactic for most seniors, they are doubly bewildering and emotion-building for Lynda Bradshaw, senior class president of Castlemont High.

Lynda is 18, exceptionally bright, exceptionally strong in the inner qualities you'd like your child to have at 18, an exceptional young leader—and the only girl from Oakland and one of the woefully few in the United States who'll go to college on a track scholarship.

"I haven't even run this spring, just once," she admits with undertones of guilt which idle athletes share. "I had made a decision for my senior year that if I were going into college it would be on the basis of grades, not track records.

"I decided I could keep getting good grades and still take part in student government which I've grown to like and appreciate for its leadership-building but after getting involved I ran into a lot of demands. Getting out to work out and getting my homework done were hard to balance, and I had to choose.

"I also thought about Rose Moore and Gale Johnson and other girls in the track club who thought if they got good grades and were outstanding in track they might get scholarship help somewhere, possibly in our own colleges in California. They didn't, so I felt if I have to get into college on my grade points, I couldn't run track too."

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Those with the grace to set aside their disdain for women athletes who perspire, and for persons whose skin is richly pigmented, can pull for this tall, strong young Negro girl from Oakland to make it all the way to the 1968 Olympic team.

## 'Pleased When You Do Well'

"Track has been great for me. Being in the public eye helps stimulate you and helps you to get to know people," Lynda says. "It's surprising, and maybe more so when you are Negro, to find that people are really interested in you, and are pleased when you do well."

"When I started running, at Madison Junior High, it was because I didn't really have anything else to do. Mr. Flowers was my home room teacher and English and Social Studies teacher and I got A's from him and I guess he thought I was a student, period."

"I went out to run and he told me to go back and study, but I beat some of his best girls, older ones from Castlemont who ran on his Oakettes track team, and he let me run after that."

Mr. and Mrs. Flowers, who organized the Oakettes, are like second parents to all of us. Without those people I think all of us would just be aimless. I don't think I would have had the incentive to develop a little leadership to add to my personality.

"But everybody wants to be recognized. With the younger girls, my little sister and the kids around, they see how well I did and this gives them a push too."

Now Lynda is getting a push. After a long layoff, she'll put on her spikes Monday to start getting ready for college track and some summer competition. And a white boy will help her.

"Coach Garedakis, here at Castlemont, has arranged for me to train with Jerry Bright, our champion sprinter. He ran a 9.6 100 in the Fresno Relays, you know, and could simply run away from me at 50, 100, 220 or 440 yards. I'm very pleased he'll take the time to help me."

Pleased, but not really surprised. There's a lot of help available in the world of champions.

# Run, Run, Run - Lynda

THE NOV 17 1965

By DAVE NEWHOUSE

A letter from Lynda Bradshaw sounds like a combat training manual from the Marines.

The national champion girl sprinter from Oakland is now a busy freshman at Pepperdine College in Los Angeles, and trying to keep up with her readin', writin' and runnin'.

She's training with the Los Angeles Mercurettes, an independent women's team coached by Fred Jones.

"We're preparing for the in-

door season five weeks away. I certainly hope I'll be in there."

..There shouldn't be any difficulty. Listen to her practice schedule:

"First we run in the hills, which is an oil field. This means 330 yards up and down, a total of eight times.

"Next we jog a mile, do a set of exercises, run six 110-yard dashes, then go three continuous times around the track, running the straightaways and jogging the turns.

"This completes the WARM-UP.

"The day's work begins with ten 330s or twenty-five 220s, depending on the coach's mood." Lynda then pens in, "(smile.)"

"Now comes ten 110s to cool-out or rest. Then it's 10 starts off the blocks, six more 110s at a slow pace and we're finished."

Lynda says she gets very depressed at times and "feels like quitting."

"But Coach Jones has so much 'heart,' so much belief in us that I can't give it up — I give it all I can."

"Sometimes he runs with us,



LYNDA BRADSHAW

working with us psychologically. He is a very wonderful coach and he has a very strong team so far — (Smile.)

Lynda, 18, who started under another very wonderful coach, Harris Flowers of the Oakettes, is at Pepperdine on a special private scholarship, which finances

her education for four years, providing she'll run for the Mercurettes.

It's not a forced issue, however. If a girl is injured or must concentrate on her studies, making it impossible to run, the scholarship isn't taken away.

This is a first for women athletes.

Lynda began working out the day school started. She's now, reportedly running more than ever before.

(Jones, in a statement—made two months ago, said that Lynda's the best package of talent he's ever received and his aim is to get her ready for world-class talent and the 1968 Olympics. This would require "much more training.")

Lynda's grades are not where she wants them — "just average. I'm really having a time with history, but so is everyone. —(Smile.)

"I don't get much reading done and still haven't gotten the 'hang' of school."

Those who know Lynda don't worry.  
(Smile).

Crucial choice: shoot or fight

# ① Lady cop's moment of truth

NOV 21 1979

By Harry Harris  
Tribune Staff Writer

The first blow from the nine-inch oak baton opened up a gash on her head and blood spilled onto her collar.

But Oakland police officer Lynda Drummer hung onto the struggling man, vowing not to let him go, even though none of the 100 people watching tried to help her.

Then another swing from the club caught her scalp and the pain was joined by anger.

"At that precise moment it entered my mind. I was going to shoot him," she said Tuesday.

But, she said, as she reached for her holstered revolver she thought of the controversy over killings by police in Oakland and changed her mind.

"The only thing that entered

my mind was we've been in so much hot water lately with police shootings."

So she let go of her gun, wrested her baton back from the man and, moments later, subdued him with the help of other officers who arrived.

Now Drummer, a three-year veteran of the department and a former world class sprinter, is angry with herself.

Faced with it again, she said, "I probably would have shot him. I don't think I should have thought about not shooting."

Police Chief George T. Hart said many of his officers "are very angry and confused" over controversy surrounding fatal shootings by policemen.

"They are trying to conform to departmental orders and also are worried about how much

support they have from the community," he said. "I feel the criticism is unwarranted and serving to undermine and confuse members of the Oakland Police Department."

With bandages covering her head stitches and her sprained wrist and ankle, Drummer, who

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also suffered a mild concussion, said she had legal justification to shoot. She said she was being assaulted with a deadly weapon — the baton — and the man "had no regard for me."

She declared: "You look at me now and say hey, you're alive. OK, but if he hit me hard enough he could have killed me. I had total authority under state law

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supported by departmental shooting policy to shoot that man."

The incident that has upset Drummer and her husband, Leon, also an Oakland police officer, occurred Monday night during a traffic stop, the day after a robbery suspect was slain by police.

Drummer and police trainee Victoria Avalos had stopped a speeding car at 14th and Willow streets. The driver said the car's throttle had stuck, Drummer said. A search for weapons revealed none.

But, she said, when she asked for the car's registration, the man fled on foot and she chased him to a nearby grassy area where, she said, he took her baton from her pocket and began hitting her. Drummer says she yelled for Avalos to radio for help, which arrived moments later.

The suspect, Melvin Parham, 18, of 9907 D St., was arrested on charges of assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest and possession of stolen property.

Drummer said the beating hurt her "dignity as a police offi-

cer because I can't perform my capacity because of the political hassling. We don't have the support we need and it's depressing."

She said the political atmosphere in Oakland is "so quick to critique police action."

"We're counseling and training the wrong people. The public should be educated, what we are here for, how to react if a police officer stops you."

Drummer said one reason for recent controversy is that for years "police have been looked at as oppressors. It's a real dilemma for me as a black, female officer. I'm part of the oppressed yet I'm the oppressor."

Drummer expects to return to work in about 10 days. She says she has thought about quitting, but she enjoys the work too much — even though after this experience it will not be the same.

"The family of that man owes me a medal for saving his life, because I saved his life. He is OK and I'm not."

"I have to go back to work with scars, not so much physically but emotionally. It is something that will always live with me."



## DAVE NEWHOUSE

### Cop on the move

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This is a cop story. It's about an Oakland cop. A good cop. A woman cop.

The reason it's a sports story is because this cop can run. Fast enough to win medals. Fast enough to chase down an 18-year-old male, then pin him to the ground after he bashed open her head with her nightstick.

"I ran my 50-yard dash with a sprained ankle and got him," said Lynda Drummer, who's 32. "It must have been embarrassing for that kid to know that a woman subdued him and took him in. I'm sure he'll always remember that."

Only after completing her arrest did Drummer visit a hospital for treatment of a two-inch gash in her scalp, a concussion and stretched ligaments and tendons in the right ankle. She was off the job for 62 days.

"When that kid hit me, his response was symbolic of the community's feeling towards the police," said Drummer, a three-year department member. "I kept thinking, 'you're not supposed to hit someone who's paid to protect the community.'

"It really affected me. I graduated from the police academy with the idea of giving service to the people of Oakland, that they needed me, to always think of others before yourself."

"We were taught an ideal. We weren't prepared for reality, especially when someone hits you over the head with your baton."

Lynda Drummer had prepared herself for something more rewarding than what happened on that Nov. 20, 1979 night. Like an Olympic medal, perhaps.

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Lynda approached Harris Flowers, a P.E. teacher at Madison, about running in track. Flowers gave her a pair of 10½ men's sneakers (she wears 6½ women's) and took her out to the "go-pher field" at the school.

## Flowers for her work

"Mr. Flowers thought I was too slow, but when I beat all the girls, he bought me some new track shoes," she said.

Lynda entered Castlemont and served as senior class president, when she wasn't running for Flowers' Oakettes women's track team and traveling around the country.

"I owe Mr. and Mrs. Flowers a lot," she said. "They gave up so much of their time for me and the other girls."

After setting national and Junior Olympics sprint records, Lynda enrolled at Pepperdine University. She was a student for three years before marrying Charles Thomas, a basketball star at Los Angeles State.

For the next eight years, they lived in Barcelona, where Thomas played basketball and was a national hero, *La Pantera Negra*. "We had a home in the mountains, an apartment in the city and another apartment on the Costa Brava," said Lynda. "I learned about caviar and the epicurean delights of life."

"I had a maid, three cars and we were able to go any place we wanted any time. We had a 1928 Ford. We'd dress up like the 1920s and go out for the evening."

"All our friends were millionaires. We knew Salvadore Dali. Johnny Wooden visited us when he came to Spain. The Globetrotters stayed in our home one night and left it a mess."

"My husband was very good in basketball, but he never learned humility. He couldn't cope with success."

When there was no more success, Charles Thomas was lost. Lynda remembers his drifting into another world, spiritually and socially. When their marriage ended, he showed no emotion. Lynda has no idea where he is today. He has lost all contact with his two children, Carlos 12 and Mattson 10.

"I call it going from the top to the bottom in one easy lesson," said Lynda, describing her life at the time. "I sold my car, my fur coat, came back to Oakland and started again."

As a policewoman, in 1976. She since has remarried, to Leon Drummer, also an Oakland police officer who graduated from Oakland Tech and played football at USC.

"He's a wonderful guy—all the girls in the department tell me that every day," said Lynda. "He's not a stepfather, he's a father. The kids love him."

The Drummers bought a new house in the Oakland foothills. Cops who live in Oakland are becoming the exception, not the rule. The Drummers know why. Try shopping in a supermarket next to someone you busted the night before. It happens more often than the public might think.

"I'm not for bad cops or bad politicians," said Lynda Drummer. "People don't like to see the police defended, but there are a lot of good policemen."

Lynda has returned to work. Inside work, not the streets, although she could go back out when she's completely recovered. What happened in November altered her perspective about her job, but not her town.

"I know Oakland. I know what it's about," she said. "What I'd like to see done is to educate the community about the police, tell them what we're here for. They're not sure."

Lynda Drummer would be good at educating. She has a lot to offer.

"Like my parents taught me," she distinctly remembers, "I'll make it not because of what I look like or represent, but in spite of it."

# Rookie cop admits beating report false

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By Lance Williams  
Tribune Staff Writer

A rookie policewoman who watched as another woman officer was badly beaten testified Wednesday that her original report on the case was inaccurate and "a contradiction."

But a defense lawyer in the case contended that rookie officer Victoria Avalos' original report of the incident should exonerate his client, defendant Melvin Parham, in the alleged assault on Officer Linda Drummer.

Drummer received head injuries and a badly sprained ankle in a wild fight with Parham that began after he fled on foot from a routine traffic stop Nov. 19.

Earlier Wednesday, Drummer testified that Parham had managed to grab her nightstick and beat her over the head with it during a wild struggle.

But Assistant Public Defender George Benetatos, who represents Parham, told the Alameda County Superior Court jury that Drummer started the fight and struck Parham without provocation. Parham fought back, Benetatos said, but only to keep Drummer from injuring him.

To back up his assertion, Benetatos called a surprise witness — Avalos, who as a police officer might have been expected to testify for the other side, the prosecution.

Avalos, a trainee who was on her first patrol the night of the incident, testified that she helped Drummer subdue Parham — although after her partner had been beaten bloody.

That testimony seemed to contradict Drummer, who testified that Avalos was nowhere in sight during the roughest part of the brawl.

But a bigger contradiction came when Benetatos read Avalos a passage from her police report. In it, Avalos said she watched from the street as Drummer "pulled out her short baton and proceeded to subdue" Parham.

That seemingly backed up the defense contention that Parham fought back after Drummer had started clubbing him.

But in her testimony, Drummer emphatically said that in the struggle, Parham snatched her baton off her belt and beat her with it. She said she finally pulled it from his hands and only then began hitting back.

On cross-examination from prosecutor French Stone, Avalos renounced her police report.

"Yes it is a contradiction," Avalos said. "I wrote what I thought she should have done."

"That was not what you actually saw?" Stone asked.

"No, it's not," Avalos said.

Avalos also reluctantly admitted she was nervous during the encounter near the corner of 14th and Willow streets.

She said she spent much of the fight trying to call for help on a radio channel that was jammed with broadcasts from firefighters battling a nearby blaze. Although she had other radio channels available, she never thought to switch frequencies, Avalos said.

The attack on Drummer was a matter of community controversy because it occurred during last year's debate over police shootings of suspects.

At the time, Drummer told reporters she felt she should have shot Parham when he attacked her — but balked because of all the criticism of the department.

# Man sentenced for attacking cop

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By Lance Williams  
Tribune Staff Writer

Melvin Parham received a lecture and two years' probation Wednesday on his conviction for assaulting Oakland police officer Linda Drummer in an incident that ~~occurred~~ at the height of last fall's controversy over police shootings.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Wilmont Sweeney told the defendant "both you and the officer were at fault" for the Nov. 19 free-for-all.

Parham clubbed the woman with her baton while she tried to arrest him after a routine traffic stop.

Drummer, who sustained head and ankle injuries, later said she should have shot Parham — but hesitated because of the criticism directed at police for shooting suspects.

Parham had faced a felony charge of assault on an officer. In a compromise verdict, a jury convicted

him of misdemeanor assault.

Judge Sweeney said he decided on a "mild sentence" because Parham had already served 150 days in county jail awaiting trial.

He told the defendant, "Anytime an officer places you under arrest, you have a duty to submit ... you can seldom if ever win an argument with the police on the street."

The judge did not elaborate on why he thought Drummer was at fault for the incident.

In the trial, Drummer testified that Parham grabbed her baton and began clubbing her without provocation, while her partner, rookie officer Victoria Avalos, stood by helplessly.

Avalos' testimony conflicted with Drummer's on several points. In addition, Avalos testified she had filed a false police report on the incident. The defense had used Avalos' report to bolster Parham's claim of self-defense.